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In re Application of

Masuo YABUKI et al.

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10/532,612

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Examiner:

For: POLYPROPYLENE FIBER FOR CEMENT REINFORCEMENT, MOLDED CEMENT MADE WITH THE FIBER, METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING CONCRETE STRUCTURE, AND METHOD OF SPRAY CONCRETING

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

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In other applications filed by the undersigned in 2005 in which a similar error was made, the PTO recognized the overpayment and credited Deposit Account No. 50-0562 of the firm of the undersigned with the amount of overpayment. Accordingly, it is hereby requested that a refund similar to that just described above be made for overpayment of filing fees in the above-identified application and credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0562.

Serial No. 10/532,612 Request for Refund

If there are any questions or if anything is missing, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called.

Respectfully submitted,

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